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SUBJECT: ALLEGED MAPA TERRORISM

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1. ANGOLA LIBERATION MOVEMENT SUMMIT MEETING IN AZORES RUMORED IN LOCAL NEWS PAPERS SINCE VISIT OF MINISTER WITHOUT PORT FOLIO MELOANTUNES, DECEMBER 9 THRU 11, AND MAY HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR TODAY. AMERICAN BASE AT LAJES REPORTS PORTUGUESE RECENTLY INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES ON TERCEIRA AND ABOUT 2 DAYS AGO POLICE GUARD STATIONED IN FRONT OF CONSULATE WITHOUT EXPLANATION. TAP OFFICIALS SAYS AIR AFRICA PLANE WAS SCHEDULED ARRIVE SANTA MARIA DECEMBER 19 BUT CANCELLED. MEETING PRESUMABLY WAS THAT WHICH TO OK PLACE IN CONTINENTAL PORTUGAL TODAY AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH MAPA. SECRET

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2. MAPA LEADERSHIP CONSISTS OF SOBER, INTELLIGENT,
PRO-WESTERN BUSINESSMEN WELL KNOWN TO CONSULATE WHO
WE DO NOT BELIEVE WOULD PERSONALLY TAKE, OR ORDER
TERRORIST ACTION AGAINST US PERSONNEL OR INSTALLATIONS.
EVERY INDICATION IS THAT THEY ARE STRIVING FOR POLITICAL
LEGITIMACY AND THEY WOULD SURELY REALIZE THAT ANY
TERRORIST ACT WHICH COULD BE LAID AT THEIR DOORSTEP
WOULD RESULT IN INSTANT SUPPRESSION. ENGLISH SOURCE REFTEL MAY
HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH NUNO VASCO CABRAL DACAMARA
OR SOMEONE IN HIS GROUP, IF ANY (SEE PONTA DELGADE 183)
CABRAL OBVIOUSLY RELISHES CLOAK AND DAGGER DRAMATICS
AND IT IS BARELY POSSIBLE THAT HE OR SOMEONE LIKE HIM
MIGHT COMMIT COMMIT TERRORIST ACT OR, MORE LIKELY, TALK
ABOUT COMMITTING ONE. WE WILL NEVERTHELESS TAKE SUCH
PRECAUTIONS AS ARE POSSIBLE. DANIELS

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